Docket No.: <u>2523-062A</u> **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Rikuro OBARA

Continuation of Serial No. 09/804,297

Group Art Unit of Parent: 3683

Filed: 03/13/2001

: Examiner of Parent: Melody M.Burch

For:

MOTOR WITH COMPOUND BEARING FOR OA DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to Examination of the Continuation Application filed herewith, and preliminary to computation of the filing fee therefor, please amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, before the first line of text, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation application of prior application serial number 09/804,297, filed March 13, 2001.